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SUBJ: ALLEGED NSC/CIA STUDY: PRESS GUIDANCE

1. WE HAVE JUST SEEN AP ITEM DATED JUNE 24 WASHINGTON WHICH STATES THAT NSC HAS ASKED THE CIA TO PREPARE A STUDY OF ALTERNATIVES TO PRESENT CHILEAN REGIME, INCLUDING HINTS THAT EVEN COVERT ACTION IS BEING CONSIDERED. STORY IS NOT CLEAR ABOUT LEVEL AT WHICH ALLEGED STUDY WAS AUTHORIZED, BUT CLAIMS THAT STUDY "ADDS A NEW DIMENSION TO THE ADMINISTRATIONS'S ANTI-JUNTA POSTURE."
2. THIS IS THE SECOND STORY LEAKED OR BACKGROUNDED IN WASHINGTON IN WHICH CHILE HAS BEEN SINGLED OUT FOR SPECIAL TREATMENT. THE FIRST DEALT WITH MAKING CHILE OBJECT LESSON FOR HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATION (SANTIAGO 4739). THE IMPLICATION OF THE AP STORY APPEARS TO BE THAT THE USG IS AGAIN (AS IN THE '58-'73 PERIOD) GOING TO INVOLVE ITSELF IN INTERNAL CHILEAN DOMESTIC POLITICS. SUCH ACTIVITY IS CONTRARY TO US POLICY AS STATED BY PRESIDENT CARTER AND SECRETARY VANCE, AND AS RECENTLY EXPLAINED TO EX-PRESIDENT FREI BY VICE PRESIDENT MONDALE AND NSC DIRECTOR BRZEZINSKI. SANTIAGO PRESS WILL UNDOUBTEDLY PICK UP THE STORY VERY READILY WITH PREDICTABLE RESULTS.

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3. ACTION REQUESTED: I WOULD VERY MUCH APPRECIATE POLICY AND PRESS GUIDANCE BY IMMEDIATE TELEGRAM. ALSO, NEED Q AND A FOR NOON BRIEFING BY IMMEDIATE CABLE IF SUBJECT RAISED. IN THE MEANTIME, WE INTEND TO RESPOND TO PRESS QUERIES (IF-ASKED BASIS) THAT WE HAVE SEEN THE AP STORY, BUT THAT US POLICY CONTINUES TO BE ONE OF NON-INTERVENTION IN THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF OTHER COUNTRIES, INCLUDING CHILE.

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